(b) Does not arise.

(c) Second Channel TV service has been introduced in the metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras, primarily to cater to the varied requirements of the population in these cities in view of their cosmopolitan character. Introduction of similar facilities to other centres would depend upon availability of resources for the purpose.

Establishment of A.T.V. Programme Generation Centre at Chandigarh

480. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had decided to establish a TV Programme Generation Centre at Chandigarh some time back;

(b) if so, the progress made in the matter; and

(c) by when the Centre is likely to be completed and become functional?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Site for the propose Programme Generation Facility centre at Chandigarh has been taken over and major equipment procured.

(c) As per present indications, the Centre is expected to be commissioned during 1994-95.

[*Translation*]

Selection Procedure of Serials.

481. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of procedure followed in the selection of serials by Doordarshan and the number of cases from January, 1991 till date in which the said procedure has not been followed and the number of cases pending with the Government for selection of serials;

(b) the reasons for not telecasting the film on corruption 'Adm Aadmi Aur Bharashtachar' on Doordarshan; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be telecast?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Proposals for T.V. serials under different schemes are received and approved by various Doordarshan Kendras for telecast from the concerned Kendra. These proposals are examined at different levels and finally by a duly constituted Committee. No centralised list of serials approved and telecast is maintained.

(b) and (c). The programme 'Corruption and Common Man' as submitted by the Producer has not been found suitable for telecast. Therefore, the Question of telecasting it does not arise.

[*English*]

Thermal, Hydel Power Units

482. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to set up and financing the Thermal, Hydel and power units in Maharashtra;

(b) the details of the amount allocated by Union Government, state Government International assistance and the amount from

private sector towards financing these power projects in Maharashtra; and

(c) the details of power available at present in the country and the extent shortage against estimated demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Building for Circle Office of Orissa Telecom.

483. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA:
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Circle Office of Orissa Telecom. Circle is not having its own office building; and

(b) if so, the details of efforts made so far to secure a building/plot from the local administration/housing body so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

The Circle office of Orissa Telecom Circle is now functioning in a departmental building which is a joint property of Postal and Telecom Circle.

However, in view of insufficient accomodation, the Orissa State Government Authority has been requested for allotment of Government Land nearer to the existing Circle Office to construct an additional accomodation for future requirement. The case has not yet been finalised.

Coverage of Konkan Region By Doordarshan

484. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be Pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that vast tracks of areas in Konkan region are not covered either by the Bombay Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) a low power TV transmitter is envisaged to be set up at Kankauli in Sindhudurg district, as part of Doordarshan's' Annual Plan 19912-92. Further improvement of TV service in Konkan region would depend upon future availability of resources for the purpose.

[*Translation*]

Bihar State Electricity Board to Raise Power production

485. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar State Electricity Board has not got the approval to raise power generation in Bihar during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CON-